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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT: AMENDING REFTTEL, PARA 4: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S CALLS ON MME. ZHIVKOVA AND DOYNOV WERE COVERED BRIEFLY IN PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" (DELO) MORNING FRI 19 SEP VIA BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY (BTA) REPORTS. REPORT ON DOYNOV MEETING SAID, "DISCUSSED WERE QUESTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN PRB AND USA." REPORT ON ZHIVKOVA MEETING SAID, "DISCUSSION ABOUT BROADENING CULTURE COOPERATION WAS CONDUCTED." NEITHER MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED. BULGARIAN TELEVISION (BTV) DID NOT CARRY DEPUTY SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW AT AIRPORT IN "PANORAMA" NEWS MAGAZINE EVENING SAT 20 SEP, AS INTERVIEWER SAID WAS PLANNED.

2. UNITED NATIONS: BTA REPORT IN DELO MORNING SUN 21 SEP ON UNGA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DRVN AND RSVN MEMBERSHIP: "SO SHARP WAS POLITICAL REACTION OF ASSEMBLY AGAINST VETO IMPOSED BY U.S. IN SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST ACCEPTION OF DRVN AND RSVN IN U.N. THAT NO ONE VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, AND IN FACE OF ITS UNUSUAL INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION ON THIS QUESTION, EVEN U.S. ITSELF DECIDED NOT TO VOTE AGAINST, BUT ABSTAINED FROM VOTING, FOLLOWED ONLY BY EIGHT OTHER COUNTRIES."

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3. MIDDLE EAST: BULGARIAN MEDIA HAVE PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION, INCLUDING EDITORIAL CARTOONS, TO ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERETZ' VISIT TO U.S. IVANKA KLEBAROVA COMMENTS IN DELO SAT 20 SEP ON "SECRET MEMORANDUM" BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL: "THIS DOCUMENT... IS IN REALITY MORE COMMITTING THAN WELL-KNOWN AGREEMENT OF SEATO, WHICH GAVE BASIS FOR 'HAWKS' TO BEGIN ADVENTURE IN INDOCHINA.... SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH THOSE ARMS, EVEN IF WITH CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS, WHICH IN OPINION OF SPECIALISTS CAN EASILY BE EXCHANGED FOR NUCLEAR, IS REAL THREAT TO PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST....IT IS CLEAR THAT THOSE CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON WHICH WERE INITIATORS OF U.S. COMMITMENTS IN INDOCHINA EVEN AFTER BANKRUPTCY OF THIS POLICY HAVE NOT GIVEN IT UP."

4. GROMYKO-FORD MEETING: WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VLADIMIR LANKOV IN DELO SUN 21 SEP REVIEWS FORD ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENTS AND POLICIES ON DETENTE, BEGINNING, "EVEN WITHOUT LOSING ITS CLASS IMPERIALISTIC CHARACTER, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY DURING RECENT FEW YEARS HAS UNDERGONE MATERIAL CHANGES IN ITS DEVELOPMENT. I SPEAK OF SLOW AND COMPLICATED PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT TO CHANGED INTERNATIONAL REALITY WHOSE BEGINNING WAS LAID AT FIRST SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN LEADERS....CONVICTION AND STRIVING OF USSR AND USA TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS FOUND NEW EXPRESSION DURING RECENT FEW DAYS" WITH FORD-GROMYKO AND KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETINGS.
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